

Procurement Works

A Newsletter from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH)
Office of Procurement and Support Services (OPASS)
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Current Statewide RFP Template

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has announced that effective immediately only Requests for Proposals (RFPs) written on the current template will be reviewed. The current Statewide RFP template has been in force since May 8, 2018. DBM will no longer accept any RFPs submitted for review and approval on the old template. Please notify your staff and make sure all RFPs going forward are on the correct template. DBM has informed staff not to review RFPs on an outdated template, but to send them back to the Procurement Officer for resubmission on the correct template.

Training Announcement

OPASS offers a variety of procurement training programs which are advertised by e-mail to the OPASS Announcement Group as well as the video monitors at MDH HQ. You can sign-up for those training programs thru the HUB. For registration assistance, contact: Naisadh [Nick] Desai at Naishadh.desai@maryland.gov.

Upcoming Training

03/07/2019	1PM - 4PM Room L-1 MDH HQ	Competitive Sealed Proposals
05/09/2019	1PM - 4PM Room L-3 MDH HQ	Contract Administration

You can also find more Training information on our OPASS website:

<https://health.maryland.gov/opass/Pages/Home.aspx>

OIG Complaint Hotline

1-866-770-7175

The MDH Office of Inspector General (OIG) maintains a Corporate Compliance Reporting Hotline to receive reports of incidents of suspected fraud, waste, and abuse. The Hotline telephone number, along with the Corporate Compliance Policy, has been distributed to all MDH employees and is posted in conspicuous locations at MDH offices. *Callers can remain anonymous.* Please report any suspicious activity that may warrant an investigation.



Happy 
St. Patrick's Day



Public Procurement as a Planned Career Opportunity

Many of us who work in public procurement may not have entered the profession by deliberate forethought, but instead fell into the job because the service was needed. As they say, "Necessity is the mother of invention." In the future, as Maryland procurement is transformed this year, in part by the creation of a new Maryland Procurement Academy, it is the hope of many that talented individuals may be attracted to the profession of public procurement, pursuing advanced specialized training in supply chain management and strategic sourcing, obtaining formal certification and otherwise climbing the ladder of excellence being put into place with the coming new job classifications. That is why Maryland is reaching out now to recruit young prospects to enter the pipeline of procurement professionals that will be needed by the State in coming years, particularly in light of the "Silver Tsunami" that is projected to occur as current procurement leaders reach retirement.



OPASS Director recruiting at Penn State.



BLOOD DRIVE

**Mark your
Calendar**

Schedule an appointment online by visiting RedCrossBlood.org



Governor Hogan visits with Dana Dembrow during recent Maryland State Blood Drive

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Wednesday, April 10, 2019
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM